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### SCHOOL NOTES

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held a public contest in the Methodist Church Friday evening, March 31, to decide the winners of the essay writing contest which has been in progress for several weeks among the pupils of the Marlinton Schools. An interesting and well balanced program of essays and music was enjoyed by a good sized audience. There were five entries in the graded school contest.

Glady's Donnelly won first prize with her essay "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body." M. L. Johnston, a sixth grade pupil carried off the second prize with an essay on the general subject of "Temperance." The five essays were all well written and it was difficult for the judges, Mrs. A. O. Howard, Dr. J. M. Yeager, and Mr. G. W. Sharp, to agree on the winners.

In the high school contest it was even harder to decide whether Miss Amy Burns or Miss Pearl Carter had prepared the better essay. The judges finally awarded first prize to Miss Burns and second prize to Miss Carter. The subject of Miss Burns' prize essay was "Alcohol and Crime," and Miss Carter gave a historical treatment of her subject. "The National Government and Its Trade in Intoxicants." The local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union awarded a medal as the first prize in each case and a book to each of the winners of the second prize. The essays winning first prizes are to be sent to the State Contest and if successful in that contest, they become eligible for the national prize.

Mr. Sharp in announcing the decisions of the judges insisted that he had been chosen as a judge either on account of his ignorance or his familiarity with the theme of the evening.

"Temperance Truth" is the title of another book donated by the Women's Christian Union to the High School Library.

The enumeration of pupils of school age in the Marlinton sub-district has been completed. There are 334 pupils of school age—between six and twenty-one. 186 girls and 148 are boys. Only white pupils are included in this enumeration. The enumeration last year showed 300 of school age.

245 years ago Governor Berkeley said: "I thank God there are no free schools in Virginia, and I hope we shall have none these hundred years." He was opposed to opening the gates of opportunity to any except to the children of the well-to-do. A few citizens of Edray district have the same attitude. They say they can send their children to schools in Virginia and elsewhere. Very true, they can, but in addition to sending \$300 to \$500 out of the district annually for each child educated, they deprive the poor boy and girl of the opportunity of getting a high school education—and that is just as essential to day as a common school education was 50 years

### District High School an Economy

The establishment of the Edray District High School at a cost of \$21,600, raised by a twenty cent levy for two years, will mean an actual saving in taxes; because there are 75 high school students in Edray District now, for whom the Board of Education must pay tuition in some high school of the County or State. At the usual rate of \$2.50 per month per pupil for nine months; this amounts to \$1700 and is a yearly expense and will probably double in the next years.

If this school is not built, it means an addition must be built to the nearby Campbelltown school and another teacher employed. The addition will cost over \$1,000; the extra teacher \$300 a year.

If the school is established, one of the teachers at Campbelltown may be dispensed with, causing a saving of \$300 a year, which added to the cost of the addition and the third teacher at Campbelltown will mean a saving of \$1,600 on the Campbelltown school, \$600 of which is a yearly expense.

If the District High School is not established the Board of Edu-

cation will have to procure a site and build a school house at Marlinton, as the present building is crowded beyond its capacity. In one room there are 76 pupils, 38 of whom must stay at home half of each day in order that 38 other children may have a chance at school. All the rooms are crowded. The site and building would cost possibly nearly half what the proposed high school would.

Then the matter of state aid for first class high school is a matter of no mean consideration. It amounts to \$800 a year. In addition certain high schools are allowed \$400 more for a teachers' training department. Add to this sum the amount that will be paid in tuition by Huntersville and other districts, and it will amount to one tenth of the cost of the proposed building. And, remember this is a yearly contribution. If anyone intends to vote against the Edray District High School on account of increased taxes, don't do it, because if the proposition is beaten, we will lose the high school and have to pay about as much tax anyway.

### CLERMONT FLORIDA

Clermont, Florida, is located in the Apopka mountain citrus belt, Lake county, midway between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic ocean, on the A. C. L. and T. & G. railroads, and is surrounded by noted chain of lakes, lined by canal and river, affording one of the most picturesque routes in Florida.

"Clermont Heights" is laid out on the plan of Huntington, West Virginia, with wide avenues and broad streets. Minnehaha avenue, 100 feet wide, overlooks Lake Minnehaha for a mile or more, and East avenue, same width, overlooks lakes on either side as it leads out to Lake Minnehaha, a lake perhaps three miles in diameter.

Beautiful homes are being erected by a good class of citizenship, and we look for a larger number to be built this year than ever. Here we have as pure water as can be found anywhere, usually at a depth from 150 to 250 feet.

Fine hard surfaced roads are being constructed, uniting Clermont with all parts of Lake county and adjoining counties and cities Florida, as a state, is making rapid strides in the way of good roads.

Clermont has a modern High school building, erected within the past year at a cost of \$10,000; two churches—Methodist and Baptist; a good hotel; a \$20,000 club house, up-to-date stores; a newspaper; ice factory; electric plant; and yet there are splendid openings for capital and enterprising people. A bank started two years ago is doing remarkably well.

With climatic conditions so favorable great are the possibilities of the poultry business. A gentleman told me he started a chicken ranch four years ago, "green as a gourd," and now his plant is making him a good living, and a net profit. More poultry, dairy and stock farmers are needed. These would pay well.

And what a country for bee culture. My, what sweet honey they do make from the orange and grape fruit bloom! Delicious indeed. Every farmer ought to have a lot of bees yet we saw only a few stands.

From what we have seen of "Natal Hay" we believe the progressive farmer—the man that does things—will soon reap a bountiful harvest from this new crop which is more valuable than timothy as food, for it is said to contain 25 per cent protein. It will not grow on low flat lands—it requires high dry land in a warm climate. The hills of Lake county seem to suit it exactly. It can be cut three or four times a year. Horses and mules as well as cows are especially fond of natal, preferring it to other forage crops. The elevation of Clermont

Heights, 200 to 400 feet above sea level, together with vast lake expanse, provides unequalled frost protection. Malaria is unknown here—unsurpassed general healthfulness. The doctor lives about as hard here as any professional man on the job.

An actual fact, one M. D. told us he had been there two months and a half and that he had had only one call professionally, but he had gone out to dig potatoes four and a half days. Now if any one doubts this last statement let them call Mr. T. F. Hefner and Mr. J. G. Scott, of Maxwellton, to the witness stand. E. H. M.

### ANOTHER SPRING

By ANNA L. PRICE

All dry and bare,  
Save here and there,  
An evergreen is seen,  
And patch of grass of tender hue,  
That kindly lived the winter thro',  
Close to the river's brink.

But this soft air,  
And skies so fair,  
Will bring life from the dead;  
And make before our eyes a change  
On the familiar mountain range,  
Around about us here.

Nature is blind  
Yet ever kind,  
And works with willing hand;  
We're her children, and she  
Knows,  
We could not do without the  
clothes,  
She weaves by day and night.

Another thing,  
And it will bring  
Rich blessings as of yore;  
Then let us praise, adore and love  
The God of earth and heaven above  
Who rolls the seasons round.

A very happy wedding was celebrated at the Edray parsonage, April 1, 1916, by Rev. H. A. Coffman, when the contracting parties, Mr. Henry Hunter Lightner and Miss Lola Bell Paffenbarger, arrived from Marlinton to be united in the bonds of Holy matrimony. The delighted couple was accompanied by the groom's brother A. J. Lightner, as best man, and Mrs. W. H. Hiner as matron of honor. Mr. J. L. Hogsett was the honored chauffeur and general director of the rejoicing party. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends and the sincere hope that their future life will be as happy and bright as the beautiful spring day on which they were joined together. XXX.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Yeager were called to Cumberland, Md., Tuesday by the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Carroll.

### ARBOVALE

Wm. Pugh, of Back Alleghany, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Marietta Pugh.

Miss Flora Gillispie spent the week end with her friend Miss Wilma Beard at Elkins.

We are glad to see Mrs. Lettie Brown able to be out again after her long illness.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, South, will meet at the church April 13. This is the day to elect new officers for the ensuing year. Let all members try to be present.

Wilbur Gregg filed Rev. Blackhurst's appointments here Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Myrtle, little daughter of Walter Lambert, was badly burned by a skillet of hot grease being overturned on her face and hands.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Shears were visiting at Donmore over Sunday.

R. W. Brown was surveying for L. D. Wooddell and A. L. Nicholas last Monday.

B. M. Arbogast has bought part of the Patterson farm.

Joe Hamed purchased a team of horses from Forrest Griffin.

### BUCKEYE

We are having rain today; grass is growing, but bad on the farmers, too wet to plow.

Sugar making is over; feed is plentiful and stock is looking well.

Measles are plentiful around here now.

Mrs. Matilda Aldridge is improving some after a long spell of sickness.

The candidates are scarce here; they know the farmers are too busy to talk much.

W. McClintic will make a good commissioner if nominated and elected. Dr. Price has made good. Doc is all right.

M. A. Kellison is having some plank fence put up.

Roy Kellison has come back from Seattle and is working for Z. S. Smith.

Buck Waugh of Stamping Creek, stopped here over night on his way to court to serve as a grand juror.

The lumber plant here is idle part of the time for lack of logs.

Wayne Jackson is going into the fruit industry.

George McKeever has got about well. Mrs. McKeever is very unwell at this writing.

### THORNWOOD

Mrs. Joe Wilfong has returned from a Baltimore hospital much improved.

Roy Propst and Miss Clyde Mays were quietly married at the home of Chas. Propst.

Kent Kramer returned Saturday night with his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Robinson were called to Swiss by the death of their little grandson.

Mrs. Robt. Cummings and Mrs. Wm. Helmick of Thornwood were visiting Mrs. Ross Colgrove at Frank, recently.

Wm. Helmick has been laid up for a few days with tonsillitis.

Thornwood people have been enjoying the medicine show the past week.

Mrs. Lewis Wright is still on the sick list.

### TOP ALLEGHANY

Rufus H. Elliott was in this section Monday.

Mrs. John H. Beverage is very sick with measles but we hope she will soon recover.

Jefferson Taylor, son of Wilford Taylor, had the misfortune to get his arm broken while at school a few days ago. Both bones were broken between the wrist and elbow. Dr. A. S. Vaiden of Monterey, Va., rendered surgical aid and Jeff is getting along all right, having only missed three days from school.

Rev. William Pugh preached an able and interesting sermon here Sunday.

We are glad to see the announcement of John P. Townsend for Justice of the Peace for our district, and as he is a neighbor of ours, we would like to say we consider him the best qualified man in the district for the place.

William Wimer's mail car is on the road again after a long rest.

Miss Ruth Wilmoth is at Cloverlick helping take care of the sick.

Mr. McCoy has rented the Noah Lunsford farm, and expects to move in the near future.

Miss Stella Beverage is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Josie Beverage, while she has measles.

The personal property of the late K. F. Elliott will be sold on Saturday April 15, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

Marvin Wilfong was a business

### FAC-SIMILE BALLOT.

"A special election to authorize the establishment of a high school in Edray District of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia, according to the order of the Board of Education, made on the 4th day of March 1916, at a total cost, as stated in said order, of \$21,000.00.

"For district high school."  
"Against district high school."

"A special election to authorize an additional levy of twenty cents on each one hundred dollars on all the taxable property in Edray District, Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia, according to the order of the Board of Education of said District made on the 4th day of March 1916, for the purpose of raising funds in addition to the regular school levy for the current year; to pay the cost of constructing, maintaining and operating a district high school in said District."

"For the Levy."  
"Against the Levy."

State of West Virginia  
Pocahontas County, to wit:  
I, G. W. Sharp, Secretary of the Board of Education of Edray District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true fac-simile ballot to be used in the special election called by the Board of Education of Edray District, for April 8th, 1916, as provided by an order entered of record on the 4th day of March 1916. Given under my hand this 27th day of March 1916.

G. W. SHARP,  
Secretary of the Board of Education, Edray District, Pocahontas County, W. Va.



visitor in Thornwood, Monday.  
W. H. Barkley spent several days last week with his brothers at Cloverlick, who have measles.  
Ed Freeman and Max Kramer were business callers in Bartow, Saturday.  
W. B. Freeman and James Wilfong attended the Moore sale Thursday.

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